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By letter dated June 30, 1964, the President's Commission requested the interview of Miss Jean Campbell, American correspondent for the "London Evening Standard", in order to ascertain from her the details of her contacts with Mrs. Edith Whitworth, including full particulars about the alleged visit of the Oswald family to Mrs. Whitworth's store in Irving, Texas.

On July 6, 1964, Miss Jean Campbell, U.S. Political Correspondent, "London Evening Standard", was interviewed at her office, Room 1002, Carnegie Hall, 57th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, by Special Agents of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During the interview, Miss Campbell referred to her notes in order to refresh her recollection concerning her contacts with Mrs. Edith Whitworth and Mrs. Gertrude Hunter.

She advised that on approximately November 27, 1963, while proceeding on East Irving Boulevard, Irving, Texas, and in the company of one Jerry Herald, photographer, Paris-Match Magazine, she noticed a sign worded "Guns" affixed to a store front and theorizing that Oswald may have visited such a store at one time, she entered the store to inquire if the proprietor had ever known Lee Harvey Oswald. She stated that upon entering the store, she noticed it was a furniture store and the proprietor, Mrs. Edith Whitworth, informed her that the premises had previously been utilized as a gun shop.

Miss Campbell asked Mrs. Whitworth if she knew Oswald, and Mrs. Whitworth remarked that approximately three or four weeks previously Oswald had entered her store and had asked her for a "plunger" for a gun. Mrs. Whitworth informed Oswald that the gun shop was no longer located here and she referred Oswald to the Irvington Sports Shop. Miss Campbell remarked at this point that she was not certain whether Mrs. Whitworth stated she referred Oswald to the "Irvington Sports Shop" or to "the sports shop back there", indicating in the direction of the Irvington Sports Shop.

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Miss Campbell stated that Mrs. Whitworth was certain that the individual who entered her shop was Lee Harvey Oswald and that a short time after he entered the store he was joined by his wife, their two or three week old infant, and an older daughter about two years of age. Mrs. Whitworth advised Miss Campbell that Oswald was neatly dressed, exact attire unrecalled; that his wife was wearing a short purple coat, had her hair worn in a ponytail style, and in general did not appear to be too meticulously attired. Miss Campbell commented that her notes do not reflect any information concerning the attire of the Oswald children.

Miss Campbell stated that Mrs. Whitworth remarked that Mrs. Oswald, upon entering the store, remained by the doorway and did not participate in the conversation which ensued after Mrs. Whitworth referred Oswald to the sports shop and at which time Oswald, while looking at furniture in the store, mentioned that he was interested in a bedroom and drawing room group of furniture. Miss Campbell advised that, according to Mrs. Whitworth, aside from the discussion pertaining to furniture, there was no small conversation exchanged between Oswald and herself except for some facetious remarks concerning an exchange of one of the Oswald daughters for a grandson of Mrs. Whitworth. Miss Campbell stated that Mrs. Whitworth's grandchildren, both boys, were approximately the same age as the Oswald children and that this was the reason for Mrs. Whitworth's remarks concerning an exchange of a girl for a boy.

According to Miss Campbell, Mrs. Whitworth stated that the Oswalds left the store and entered a two-tone blue and white Ford believed to be a 1957 model.

Mrs. Whitworth advised Miss Campbell that the only other individual present in the store during the Oswald visit was an acquaintance of Mrs. Whitworth's, one Mrs. Gertrude Hunter.

Miss Campbell remarked that she interviewed Mrs. Hunter approximately the day following the interview with Mrs. Whitworth. Miss Campbell added that during this interview she was accompanied by Paul Matthian, a reporter for the Paris-Match Magazine.

Miss Campbell stated that Mrs. Hunter advised that on either Wednesday, November 6, or Thursday, November 7, 1963, she

visited Mrs. Whitworth at the latter's store on East Irving Boulevard, Irving, Texas. Mrs. Hunter was certain that it was on a Wednesday or Thursday because she devotes Mondays and Tuesdays to her cleaning and household chores and had contacted Mrs. Whitworth on either Wednesday or Thursday relative to their attending a football game on the succeeding Saturday.

Mrs. Hunter informed Miss Campbell that while she was conversing with Mrs. Whitworth, a young man entered the store and stated, "Is this a gun shop? I want a plunger for a gun". Mrs. Hunter remarked to Miss Campbell that she was certain that the young man who entered the store was Lee Harvey Oswald and that shortly thereafter he was joined by his wife and children. According to Miss Campbell, Mrs. Hunter stated that Oswald was wearing a white shirt, dress pants and a tan jacket, and that Mrs. Oswald was wearing an orchid colored skirt or coat and was holding her infant child in her arms.

Mrs. Hunter informed Miss Campbell that after Oswald had asked Mrs. Whitworth for the "plunger", Mrs. Whitworth referred him to the Irvington Sports Shop. At this point, Miss Campbell remarked that she was not certain if Mrs. Hunter actually stated that Oswald was referred by Mrs. Whitworth to the "Irvington Sports Shop" or to "the sports shop back there", indicating in the direction of the Irvington Sports Shop.

Miss Campbell stated that Mrs. Hunter advised that Oswald then proceeded to look at some furniture in the store and that Oswald made the remark, "Most people are buying Early American furniture now".

Mrs. Hunter further stated, according to Miss Campbell, that when the Oswalds left the store, Marina placed the older child into a 1956 or 1957 two-tone blue and white Ford or Chevrolet and then entered the vehicle herself with her infant daughter. Oswald entered the vehicle, sat behind the steering wheel, and turned the vehicle around and proceeded in the direction of the Irvington Sports Shop. According to Miss Campbell, Mrs. Hunter related that Oswald, in doing this, was proceeding the wrong way on a one-way street and had to turn the vehicle around again.

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Mrs. Hunter advised Miss Campbell that only Mrs. Whitworth and herself were present in the store during the entire time that the Oswald family was present therein.